

difficult to always be able to anticipate the interrelationship between these issues, the importance of what we are doing and how it affects other legislation we have passed, what the impact will be with States and local communities, the impact with the business community, consumers, and others. We have been enormously well served across the board by the staff who have worked tirelessly on this issue just as they did on the education issue. There are an incredible number of very capable men and women who have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort and who have made an extraordinary mark on this legislation.

I thank all of them: For Senator MCCAIN, Sonya Sotak, Jean Bumpus, Cassandra Wood and Mark Busee; for Senator EDWARDS, Jeff Lane, Miles Lackey, Kyle Kinner, Hunter Pruett, and Lisa Zeidner. I want to thank the staff of Senator DASCHLE and Senator REID, all of the floor staff and the clerks, including Marty Paone, Lula Davis, Gary Myrick, and also in particular Elizabeth Hargrave and Deborah Adler. I thank them very much. Senator DASCHLE has mentioned Mark Childress and Mark Patterson. They are leaders of a very capable and able team that works very closely with Senator DASCHLE. They are not only fiercely loyal and committed to him but they are enormous sources of help and assistance to all Members in our caucus. We are all very grateful to all of them. For Senator GREGG, Stephanie Monroe, and Steve Irrigary, and Kim Monk.

Now to my own staff, to whom I am incredibly grateful. No one has worked longer or harder, has been more committed or with greater success in terms of legislative achievement than David Nexon, the head of my health care team. Dave has been an invaluable resource. I always remember a story from when I interviewed him for the job and asked him to write an essay about health care. I still remember his strong commitment in that essay to universal coverage, comprehensive coverage, quality at a price people can afford. He has never let up on that ideal. It is one of the reasons I admire him so much. I am incredibly grateful to him.

I will mention others in no particular order. I thank Michael Myers who is our chief of staff for our whole committee and takes on the broad responsibilities in health, education, and all the matters of that committee. Michael and I go back a long time, initially working together on refugee issues. He was so resourceful and effective and helpful in our efforts in that cause. And now, he has been good enough to stay the course with me and has just been an extraordinary leader for our committee. I am grateful to him for his friendship and leadership on the committee.

I thank Jeff Teitz who is a master of many complicated aspects of the bill. If

you have a complex issue that needs to be mastered, call Jeff Teitz.

Sarah Bianchi is full of energy and intelligence and has had a distinguished career in working with former Vice President Gore. She has been a great addition to our team.

Jerry Wesevich, I thank him so much for his steady presence. I mentioned a little while ago that this is Jerry's last day working in the Senate. He will be working for the legal service programs down in Texas and New Mexico. This is a person, like so many others on the Hill, strongly committed to improving our society, and I regret losing him. I know though that he will be involved in making a better community.

Janie Oates is the master of all trades and knows every TRIO program, every program that reaches out to the most needy people in our country and society, and has been enormously helpful to me in this endeavor as well.

I also thank Stacey Sachs who was here day in and day out and always seemed to have the answer. I remember the debate over the questions on the standard of medical necessity and the points being made about the standard we used in the Federal employers health plan. Stacey knew, yes, that was true but in the appeal provision a different standard was used. She knew the details of it, which was a key point. She is an extraordinary reservoir of good common sense and knowledge.

Jim Manley has been a great help and a good friend and has helped so much in terms of being able to communicate these issues and this whole policy area effectively. Jim has been tireless. Elizabeth Field, Marty Walsh, so many others worked not just here on the floor but outside, as well, in terms of working with the various groups and helping to bring what is happening at the grass roots here to the Senate floor. Amelia Dungan and Jackie Gran. I thank David Bowen very much. He is a great master in understanding so much of the new research and what is happening in the outer edges of biomedical research. We had debate on some of those issues, and we will have more later. These are complex ethical issues and questions. Dave is a master of all of them. Beth Cameron and Paul Kim also deserve thanks. Paul joined our staff and has been enormously valuable and helpful, as he was in the House of Representatives.

Thanks also goes out to our many dedicated interns, Dan Muñoz, Madhu Chugh, Tarak Shah, Nina Dutta, Nicole Salazar-Austin, Abby Moncrieff, Eddie Santos, Kent Mitchell, Haris Hardaway, Nirav Shah, Charita Sinha, Les Chun and Wyley Proctor. Their energy and dedication certainly helped us along the way.

I appreciate our Presiding Officer and our Senate staff for their patience this evening while we make sure that the history of tonight will include so many

who did so much to make tonight a very important step toward helping our fellow American citizens get better quality health care.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 9, 2001

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 12 noon, Monday, July 9, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:59 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 9, 2001, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 29, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE, OF NEVADA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JAY JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

MARION BLAKEY, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE JAMES E. HALL, TERM EXPIRED.

MARION BLAKEY, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2005, VICE JOHN ARTHUR HAMMERSCHMIDT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JIM NICHOLSON, OF COLORADO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HOLY SEE.

CHARLOTTE L. BEERS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, VICE EVELYN SIMONOWITZ LIEBERMAN.

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

DENNIS L. SCHORNACK, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE COMMISSIONER ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA, VICE THOMAS L. BALDINI.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

RANDAL QUARLES, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE KARIN LISSAKERS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CAROL D'AMICO, OF INDIANA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE PATRICIA WENTWORTH MCNEIL, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

CARL R. BAGWELL, 0000
JAMES E. CROALL JR., 0000
ALLEN M. HARRELL, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

MARK M ABRAMS, 0000
JOSE A ACOSTA, 0000
MARTINEZ M F ALLAN, 0000
THOMAS P ALLAN, 0000
SANDRA A ALMEIDA, 0000
PETER E AMATO, 0000
DERYK L ANDERSON, 0000
STEVEN R ANDERSON, 0000
SUSAN N W ANDERSON, 0000
ULYSSES J ARRETTEIG II, 0000
JOAN R ATCHISON, 0000
JAMES A BACKSTROM JR., 0000
BRUCE A BARRON, 0000
JOHN M BARRY, 0000
MARK R BATEMAN, 0000
JOHN A BATTLE III, 0000
SUSAN R BAZEMORE, 0000
THOMAS E BEEMAN, 0000